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SUBJECT: POST SECURITY DURING CIVIL DISTURBANCES

1. I MET WITH UK ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER RANCE AND UNDP RESREP HASAIN OCTOBER 17 TO REVIEW STATUS OF MISSIONS' PLANNING FOR SECURITY DURING EXISTING DISTURBANCES. WE AGREED THAT CURRENT LEVEL OF DANGER WARRANTS ONLY ORAL NOTICES TO THOSE WITHIN OUR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS, URGING THEM TO OBSERVE BASIC SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, SUCH AS AVOIDING TROUBLED AREAS WHERE POSSIBLE, DRIVING WITH DOORS LOCKED AND WINDOWS UP, RESISTING TEMPTATION TO PHOTOGRAPH, ETC. INCIDENTS (ALL MINOR) INVOLVING US CITIZENS TO DATE HAVE RESULTED FROM FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE PRECAUTIONS.

2. AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF US AND OTHER MISSIONS CONTINUE TO REPORT FOR WORK. MOST SHOPS ARE OPEN. MBABANE REMAINS OUTWARDLY CALM AS OF 1400 HOURS OCTOBER 18 ALTHOUGH POLICE COMMISSIONER TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD RECEIVED WORK OF PLANS FOR STUDENT

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MARCH FROM AN MBABANE HIGH SCHOOL AND HAD SENT POLICE TO KEEP STUDENTS CONFINED TO SCHOOL GROUNDS. RUMORS FLYING THICK AND FAST, SOME BASED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY ON EXAGGERATED OR SPECULATIVE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO REPORTS OF LOCAL EVENTS. RUMORS FIND RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE BECAUSE OF SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PREVENT LOCAL RADIO FROM MENTIONING ANYTHING RELATED TO UNREST. (COMMENT: IN TYPICAL SWAZILAND ANOMALY, GOVERNMENT HAS NOT

PREVENED PRIVATELY OWNED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER FROM PUBLISHING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE, BOTH NARRATIVE AND PHOTOGRAPHIC, OF ALL ASPECTS OF UNREST. NEWSPAPER REACHES PARTS OF THE COUNTRY THAT CANNOT BE REACHED BY GOVERNMENT RADIO, THEREBY DEFEATING ACTING PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATELY EXPRESSED WISH THAT RURAL AREAS NOT BE INFORMED OF MBABANE-MANZINI DISTURBANCES.)

3. ONE-PAGE MIMEOGRAPHED FLYER CIRCULATING SINCE LAST WEEKEND THREATENS DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND MURDER OF ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND POLICE COMMISSIONER. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE FAVOURABLE STUDENTS: WE ARE REFORMING THE GOVERNMENT FOR OUR TEACHERS NEEDS. SO BE BRAVE STUDENTS. WE WANT OUR TEACHERS BACK TO THE CLASSROOMS, GIVE THEM THEIR NECESSARY BENEFITS, AND STOP EXPLOITING THEM. ALL CHEQUES TO INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS WHO DESERVE THE NECESSARY REFUND MUST BE ISSUED ON MONDAY THE 17TH OCTOBER 1977. STOP DISCRIMINATION WITHIN PEOPLE DOING THE SAME JOB. IF THIS IS NOT DONE AS SAID ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING ERADICATION OR DESTRUCTION WILL FOLLOW ON THE 18TH OCTOBER 1977:

(I) THE SIX STORY BUILDING WHERE THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IS WILL BE DESTROYED AND HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY. THIS BUILDING IS OPPOSITE THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.

(II) THE EDUCATION BUILDING AND ITS PERMANET SECRZTARY WILL BE DESTROYED.

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(III) THE TREASURY BUILDING AND THE CABINET MINISTRY WILL BE DESTROYED.

(IV) ZONKE KHUMALO AND T.V. MTHETWA, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, WILL BE KILLED.

YOURS SINCERELY, FELLOW STUDENTS. UNQUOTE

4. NO SUGGESTION TO DATE THAT EXPATRIATES ARE TARGET OF EITHER GOVERNMENT OR STUDENT/TEACHER DISFAVOR. WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED.
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